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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH GDR EMBASSY

1. ON WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE THE EVE OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF EUR/CE DIRECTOR ANDERSON WITH GDR DCM ELM, THE EMBASSY OFFERS HERewith SOME OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS OF TOPICS FOR INCLUSION IN THAT TLAK.

2. IN DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS HERE, WE HAVE BEEN GETTING AN INCREASINGLY STRONG IMPRESSION OF LATE THAT THE GDR IS PREPARED TO PLAY A TOUGH WAITING GAME ON BILATERAL BUSINESS INVOLVING U.S. DESIDERATA AND NEEDS. WE SUPPOSE THAT THE GDR IS ON THE WHOLE SATISFIED WITH ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES TO DATE, WHICH HAVE PROVIDED, AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE, WELCOME RECOGNITION AND LEGITIMATION OF THE GDR REGIME. FAR FROM OFFERING THE U.S. SATISFACTION ON ANY OF A NUMBER OF LONG-STANDING AND SOME NEWER BILATERAL ISSUES, HOWEVER, THE GDR IS INCREASINGLY SHOWING WILLINGNESS TO DIG IN HARD AGAINST THE U.S. ON ISSUES THEY COULD EASILY HAVE DUCKED.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION WE FIND THE RACHEL BISHOP VISA MATTER INSTRUCTIVE AND INDICATIVE. HAVING DISCOVERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A POINT ON DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY WHICH THE GDR HAS IN THE PAST LET GO BY, IT HAS OPTED TO
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MAKE A STAND, APPARENTLY ESTIMATING THE COSTS TO BE

MANAGEABLE.

4. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ELM BE TOLD THAT WE ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH GDR PERFORMANCE ON SEVERAL ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY: A) RACHEL BISHOP VISA. THE UNITED STATES IS PUZZLED BY THE CONTINUING REFUSAL OF GDR AUTHORITIES TO VISA THE PASSPORT OF A DEPENDENT OF AN OFFICER OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BERLIN ON THE BASIS OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BEARER CONTAINED IN THE PASSPORT. (BERLIN 5028 AND PREVIOUS). WE EXPECT A VISA TO BE PLACED IN HER PASSPORT IN THE USUAL WAY. B) PROTSCH CASE. THE UNITED STATES VIEWS AS UNSATISFACTORY GDR HANDLING OF OUR REQUEST THAT MISS VERONIKA PROTSCH AND HER SON, RAINER, BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE GDR TO JOIN CHARLES C. RINGS, FIANCE OF MISS PROTSCH. MISS PROTSCH HAS SOUGHT TO LEAVE THE GDR FOR 16 YEARS, AND HER CASE WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF GDR AUTHORITIES ON THE "FIRST LIST" OF HUMANITARIAN CASES PRESENTED IN JULY OF 1974 (BERLIN 5025). OUR CONCERN IN THIS AREA IS OBVIOUSLY NOT LIMITED TO THE PROTSCH CASE. ALL PROGRESS ON EVERY CASE IN THIS CATEGORY SO FAR IN THE 15 MONTHS OF U.S. -GDR RELATIONS (INCLUDING THOSE CASES SO FAR RESOLVED) HAS RESULTED FROM STRENUOUS U.S. EFFORTS IN THE FACE OF GDR DISINTEREST OR OBSTRUCTION.

C) TELEPRINTER TERMINAL. WE ARE PUZZLED BY THE APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS OF AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN TO ACT ON THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LINE FOR A TELEPRINTER TERMINAL AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THE U.S. REQUEST FOR A TELEPRINTER CONNECTION TO THE U.S. MISSION IN WEST BERLIN WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO THE GDR ON MAY 7, 1975, AND HAS BEEN REPEATED SINCE THEN.

5. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE THE TIME MAY BE RIGHT TO TELL THE GDR THAT ITS INTRANSIGENCE ON CERTAIN SMALL BILATERAL QUESTIONS IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS SOUGHT BY BOTH SIDES. COOPER

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